

VERMONT



"VERMONT CITIZENS ENJOY SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS FROM THE DAILY OPERATION OF VERMONT'S AIRPORT SYSTEM. EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS THAT BASE CORPORATE AIRCRAFT AT VERMONT'S AIRPORTS; COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS WHOSE SHIPMENTS ARRIVE OR DEPART VIA THE AIRPORTS; AND THE TOURISM INDUSTRY INCLUDING HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND TOURISM RELATED ACTIVITIES WHOSE PATRONS USE THE GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS TO VISIT VERMONT TOURISM DESTINATIONS ALL RELY ON OUR STATE'S AIRPORTS."

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## The Vital Role Of Vermont Aviation

Vermont's public-use airports play an instrumental role in creating thousands of jobs and adding millions of dollars in sales and personal income to Vermont's economy. The airports also are responsible for contributing to a higher quality of life for citizens of the Green Mountain State. In this study, the economic activities that occur at Vermont's public-use airports were measured along with the circulation in the state economy of the business income and personal income earned at the airports, reliance of Vermont's business community on air service, and spending by out of state visitors who arrive in Vermont by air. When taken together, these activities:

- Employ over 9,500 people annually,
- Produce over \$611 million dollars each year in business sales, and
- Generate over \$225 million dollars each year in personal income for the State's citizens.

"AVIATION SERVES A VITAL NATIONAL INTEREST. VERMONT'S SYSTEM OF AIRPORTS IS USED AND VALUED BY PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR ITS ABILITY TO PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO VERMONT'S DIVERSE BUSINESS INTERESTS AND ITS VAST CULTURAL, LEISURE AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES."

BRIAN SEARLES,  
VERMONT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION



## Individual Airport Contributions

Vermont's public-use airports themselves are significant economic engines for their local and the statewide economy, while also providing critical connections for residents and businesses to New England and to the world. Below is a breakout of how each airport contributes to its community and the State in terms of economic impact expressed in business sales (revenues) including wages.

Public-Use Airport	Economic Impact Business Sales (Revenues)
Basin Harbor	\$ 620,412
Burlington International	\$ 242,556,282
Caledonia County State	\$ 296,500
Edward F. Knapp State	\$ 3,400,784
Fair Haven Municipal	\$ 246,551
Franklin County State	\$ 1,608,812
Hartness State	\$ 982,630
John H. Boylan State	\$ 53,958
Middlebury State	\$ 3,989,700
Morrisville-Stowe State	\$ 1,057,941
Mount Snow	\$ 1,636,333
Newport State	\$ 357,262
Post Mills	\$ 513,340
Rutland State	\$ 7,554,398
Warren-Sugarbush	\$ 318,767
William H. Morse State	\$ 11,123,502
<b>Subtotal Airports</b>	<b>\$ 276,317,173</b>
Aviation-Dependent in Vermont*	\$ 335,445,798
<b>Total Economic Impact of Vermont's Public-Use Airports</b>	<b>\$ 611,762,971</b>

\*Over 250 businesses responded to an aviation-dependent business survey administered as part of this Study. However, since not all businesses that rely on aviation to move people and/or goods responded to the survey, the economic impact of aviation-dependent businesses is certainly underreported.

Note: Robin's Nest Airport is closed and therefore its impacts are not included.

## Commercial and General Aviation Airports



Of the 17 public-use airports in Vermont, two are commercial service airports, while the remaining 15 are general aviation facilities.

The two commercial service airports, Burlington International (BTV) and Rutland State (RUT), play an important role in connecting the State's commercial passengers with the rest of the nation and the world. In 2001, over half a million passengers enplaned at BTV and RUT. Together, these two airports are responsible for:

- 8,500 jobs,
- with over \$205 million in annual wages and
- over \$536 million in business sales.

Businesses in Vermont rely heavily on general aviation for the movement of goods, products and personnel.



## Quality of Life

In addition to contributing to the State's transportation system by facilitating the movement of people and goods into, out of and within the State, aviation is critical to the quality of life in Vermont. Everyday communities around Vermont rely on the State's 17 public-use airports for valuable services such as charter and air taxi service, corporate flights, emergency, safety, and law enforcement public service flights, as well as access for individual aircraft. This Study identified many important quality of life issues associated with Vermont's airports including:

- Preservation of Open Space, Wetlands, or Woodlands
- Flight Training
- Environmental Patrol
- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Medical Aviation
- Police and Other Law Enforcement Use
- Career Training and Education
- Aerial Photography or Surveying
- Aerial Inspections
- Aerial Application
- Freight/Cargo Activity
- Corporate or Business Aircraft Activity
- Gateway for VIP or High Profile Visitors
- Museums
- Recreational Flying or Parachuting
- Ballooning.

Fixed based operators serve nine of Vermont's public-use airports, providing the aviation community with services such as aircraft maintenance, fueling services, flight instruction, and aircraft sales and service. The 15 public-use general aviation airports are responsible for generating:

- close to 900 jobs,
- over \$20 million in personal income and
- over \$75 million annually in economic activity for the State.